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SUBJ: CCD: 744TH PLENARY MEETING, APRIL 14, 1977

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1. SUMMARY: CCD 744TH PLENARY MEETING WAS HELD MORNING, APRIL 14. MONGOLIA MADE BRIEF STATEMENT VOICING SOVIET VIEWS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW). EGYPT MADE STATEMENT FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON CW AND CALLED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PRINCIPLES DURING SUMMER SESSION WHICH THEN MIGHT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBMITTED TO UNGA FOR ENDORSEMENT AS BASIS FOR CW TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE 744TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD CONVENED MORNING, APRIL 14 WITH BRAZIL (MASTROGIOVANNI) IN CHAIR. MONGOLIAN REP (ERDEMBILIG) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ON CW FROM SOVIET SCRIPT WHICH REITERATED POSITIONS SET FORWARD BY USSR DEL

DURING US-USSR BILATERALS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HE APPLAUDED PROGRESS MADE DURING 1976 AND 1977 INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, SPECIFICALLY CITING EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON DEFINITION AND INTRODUCTION OF TOXICITY STANDARD. MONGOLIAN REP SUPPORTED STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH BEGINNING WITH PROHIBITION OF "MOST LETHAL AND DANGEROUS" AGENTS, IF COMPREHENSIVE BAN COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED INITIALLY. HE SAID HE DID NOT FEEL NEGOTIATIONS ON CW SHOULD BE "SLOWED DOWN OR PROLONGED" OVER DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO VERIFICATION AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COMMITTEE NOT BECOME "INFATUATED" WITH SYSTEM OF CONTROL THAT INTRUDES ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES WHEN NATIONAL MEANS ARE ADEQUATE. HE WELCOMED SOV-US BILATERALS AS HOPEFULLY LEADING TO AGREEMENT ON JOINT INITIATIVE, BUT SAID CONTINUATION OF BILATERALS LATER SHOULD NOT WEAKEN CCD'S OWN CW EFFORTS. MONGOLIAN REP VIEWS ON UK DRAFT WERE STANDARD SOVIET FARE WITH ADDITION OF POSITION ON TOXINS ALONG LINES PRESENTED BY SOVIETS DURING US-USSR BILATERALS ON CW (PARA 3 REFTEL); MONGOLIAN REP SAID BW CONVENTION COVERED TOXINS AND, THEREFORE, SPECIFIC COVERAGE OF TOXINS IN ANY CW TREATY WAS UNNECESSARY.

3. EGYPTIAN REP (WL-SHAFEI) MADE BRIEF, PASSING REMARKS ON MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) ASKING COMMITTEE TO "RECOMMEND MEASURES ... WHICH COPE WITH THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN ANY PARTICULAR FIELD AND ATTEMPT LATER ON TO IMPROVE THESE MEASURES ... RATHER THAN FAIL TO TAKE OR RECOMMEND MEASURES BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES". TURNING TO CW, EGYPTIAN REP STATED THAT GOE CONTINUES TO COMMEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NON-ALIGNED 1973 WORKING PAPER (CCD/400) AND THAT EGYPTIAN DEL FEELS PAPER ALREADY HAS BEEN USEFUL IN FORMULATION OF VARIOUS CW TEXTS. IN ADDITION TO CCD/400 PROVISIONS, EGYPTIAN DEL WOULD LIKE CW TREATY TO INCLUDE A VERY PRECISE DEFINITION OF HIGHLY LETHAL CHEMICAL AGENTS; PROVISION THAT PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION OF CW SHOULD NOT HAMPER STATES FROM OFFSETTING THE EFFECTS OF SUCH WEAPONS USED AGAINST THEM; PROVISION MAKING ALL OBLIGATIONS BINDING ON ALL STATES PARTIES ONLY AFTER RATIFICATION; AND PROVISION WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO BE RENDERED TO A COUNTRY VICTIMIZED BY CW ATTACK. (EGYPTIAN REP EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION BY OTHER NATIONS (CCD/PV.650) IN CASE A COUNTRY WERE A VICTIM OF CHEMICAL ATTACK.) EGYPTIAN REP CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF "SMALL" AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE A SET OF PRINCIPLES DURING SUMMER SESSION WHICH COULD BE SUBMITTED TO 32ND UNGA THIS FALL FOR ENDORSEMENT. HE ALSO CALLED FOR EXPANSION OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS BEYOND CCD MEMBERS TO ENSURE ADHERENCE

"BY LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IF NOT ALL COUNTRIES."

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FIRST INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) WOULD BE HELD APRIL 19.

5. NEXT PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING APRIL 19.
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